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Shiro Fujieda

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND
METHOD, MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM
FOR IMAGE PROCESSING, AND
INSPECTION APPARATUS

Examiner: Samir Ahmed

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.